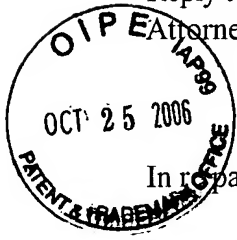


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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 16, 2006. The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire August 16, 2006. Thus, a petition for a three-month extension of time is included with this paper.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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